

Exodus 30:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,

Analysis

The sacred anointing oil—myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, cassia in olive oil—represents the Holy Spirit's multifaceted work. Each spice contributes unique fragrance, together creating complete anointing. The oil's holiness (never for common use) emphasizes that the Spirit is sacred, not to be counterfeited or treated casually. Christ was anointed with this spiritual reality, receiving the Spirit without measure (John 3:34). Believers receive the same Spirit, though in measure.

Historical Context

The specific spice formula was divinely prescribed and forbidden for common use—counterfeit anointing oil incurred severe penalty. This protected the sacred symbolism and prevented profaning what represented God's Spirit.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does each spice's unique contribution illustrate the Holy Spirit's multifaceted work?

2. What does the oil's sacred exclusivity teach about treating the Holy Spirit with reverence?

Interlinear Text

וּמִשְׁחָתָּ	אֶת	בֵּית	אֶלֶּהֶם	מוֹעֵד	וְאֵת
And thou shalt anoint	H0	H853	the tabernacle	of the congregation	H853
H4886			H168	H4150	
אֲרֹן	וְעֵדוּתָהּ:				
therewith and the ark	of the testimony				
H727	H5715				

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 7:1 (Temple): And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;